



18/09/2026

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

Dear Families,

As we settle into the autumn term, I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our children for making such a positive start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement, enthusiasm and enjoyment in learning! I have also been particularly impressed by the excellent behaviour demonstrated in lessons, around school and during assemblies, with our children working hard to follow our Golden Rules of being **safe, respectful and ready** every day. Thank you for your continued support so far this academic year. Your commitment to ensuring strong attendance, smart uniform and positive attitudes towards learning helps our children to thrive and make the most of every opportunity at Oxhey. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Early Reading and Phonics workshops for EYFS and Year 1 this week. We hope you found the sessions informative and helpful in supporting your child's reading journey at home. For those who were unable to attend, staff will be uploading the presentation slides to the school website so that everyone has the opportunity to access the information. Last Friday, we also enjoyed a fantastic PTFA Colour Run after school, which was full of fun, laughter and colour! Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a success. A gentle reminder that the PTFA will be holding their AGM on Friday 25th September in school straight after morning drop-off. If you have a little time to spare and would like to support the school community, you would be very welcome to come along. The work of our PTFA is invaluable in helping to provide the children at Oxhey with additional experiences, memorable opportunities and special treats throughout the year.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.



Diary Dates

Y4 Standon Bowers Meeting & Multiplication tables

24th September

Food bank donations for harvest

WB 28th September



EYFS Harvest Assembly for Parents 2.30pm

2nd October

Autumn Term Parents Evening

6th October

Individual school photos & Oxhey siblings

9th October



World Mental Health Day—wear something yellow

12th October 2026

EYFS Phonics Shine Afternoon 1.45pm-3.15pm

19th October

Early Years Funny Bones Dress Up Day

22nd October



School closes for half term

23rd October

Class	Attendance
Little Ladybirds	96%
Sparkly Spiders	99%
Dazzling Dragonflies	92%
Terrific Turtles	95%
Perfect Pandas	97%
Amazing Alligators	95%
Marvellous Meerkats	98%
Outstanding Owls	97%
Fabulous Foxes	100%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**.
This week, our school attendance was **97%**

In the spotlight this week

Once again, Oxhey will be supporting the Foodbank charity this coming Harvest Festival. Please take a few minutes to read the letter below for further information.

Harvest appeal

This year marks 14 years since our Foodbank operations started, and we have been greatly blessed by the huge amount of food donations we have received from a variety of sources, including churches, businesses, community groups and, importantly, schools. We couldn't do what we do without this. You may already know that we operate an e-voucher referral system through

many front-line partners across the city that deal with individuals and families that are struggling to cope with the cost of living and other support benefit-related issues. The majority of our foodbank sessions have Money Matters there to offer money, benefit and debt advice; six have Community Lounges with a wide range of professional advice available, including housing, family support, physical and mental health. Our sessions have the information to signpost our guests to organisations that can offer additional support. In the last year, 75% of those receiving food parcels were therefore able to receive effective support, with just one or two parcels tiding them over until this made the difference to their crisis/ circumstances. For the year 2025/2026, we supported on average, 1,500 people each month. Sadly, the demand is high, with many families in crises.



Harvest appeal

If you can, please donate an item or two from the list to help local people in need: -

- Tinned Meat/Fish
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Pudding
- Tinned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Mash
- Teabags size 40 bags
- Fruit Juice
- Coffee
- Sweet Extra i.e. chocolate
- Cereal

Thank you for your help and supporting us to help people in this city who are in crisis.



Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

We are kindly asking families to consider bringing in a donation for the local Foodbank. Whether it's a tin of soup, a packet of pasta, or a box of cereal, every contribution makes a real difference. From **Monday 28th September**, children can bring their food donations in to school, pop them in their classroom and our pupil leaders will visit classrooms each morning to collect the donations. Let's come together to share kindness and give generously. Thank you, as always

Ending hunger together

Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank is registered charity number 1150820. Registered in England & Wales

All children in Reception will be participating in the Reception Baseline Assessments and more information can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/

Operation Encompass



We are proud to be an Operation Encompass School. Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools, and it is now in place in all 43 police forces in England and Wales. It is a police and education early information-sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to any child experiencing domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures there is a phone call or notification to a trained member of school staff on the next school day after an incident of police-attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at our school gates, are of a positive nature.

Arbor

Please ensure that if any details have changed e.g. addresses or contact numbers that these are changed via the app or in the school office. **Please ensure you have at least 3 emergency contacts saved on Arbor.** Over the summer, we made important changes and updates to the parent consent options in Arbor. **We kindly ask all parents and carers to log into Arbor and review/update their consent preferences as soon as possible.** Thank you to those who have already done this. It is very important that we have your current permissions recorded.

The School Day

Just a reminder, the school gate is open from 8.45am every morning. Thank you to all our families over the past couple of weeks for being on time, everyday! Your continued support in getting your children to school **on time** makes a real difference — allowing us to begin learning straight away and helping all the children settle quickly into their routines. Thank you. **Home time for our Nursery and Reception children is 3.15pm every day, our Key Stage 1 children finish at 3:20pm and our Key Stage 2 children finish at 3:25pm.**

NHS Guidance - Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. The NHS guidance states children can attend school with common cold symptoms like a sore throat, runny nose or cough unless they have a high temperature. With seasonal illnesses likely to increase this autumn, I'd like to signpost parents to the NHS [Is my child too ill for school?](#) guidance to support you in making informed decisions about attendance if your child/children are unwell.

Staffordshire Childcare Survey for Parents



Have your say on childcare in Staffordshire

Scan the QR code. Have your say now!

Staffordshire County Council are conducting a survey to find out parents views on childcare. This is part of the Sufficiency Duty that Staffordshire County Council has to ensure the market supports parents. The survey is for parents and parents to be of Early Years children living in Staffordshire. They would be very grateful if you could click the link and complete the short survey.

Many thanks.

<https://letstalk.staffordshire.gov.uk/embeds/projects/24643/survey-tools/57858>

or the QR code is



Birthday Sweets, Treats and Celebrations

As part of our commitment to keeping all children safe and in line with DfE guidance and our Allergy Safety Policy following Benedict's Law, we are continually reviewing ways to reduce risk for pupils and staff while ensuring that our school remains an inclusive environment for everyone. Therefore, we will no longer be allowing children to bring sweets, cakes, chocolates or other edible treats into school to share with their classmates on their birthdays.

We understand how special birthdays are for children and still want to help celebrate these important milestones. **While there is absolutely no expectation or obligation to do so**, families who would like to mark their child's birthday in school may wish to donate a book to their child's class. (Pre-loved and second-hand books are very welcome.) These books could be enjoyed as a special end-of-day story, added to a classroom book corner, our school library, or our outdoor Reading Den.

Not only would this support our commitment to promoting reading for pleasure, but it would also help us continue to provide a wide range of high-quality, engaging books that children are excited to read. Our pupil librarians will help to celebrate any 'Birthday Books' that are donated, and they will also be recognised during our Friday celebration assemblies. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school community safe while continuing to celebrate our children's special milestones.

Wake up Wednesday Link:

Sometimes it can be tricky to ensure our children are in the best mindset to wind down in the evenings for the rejuvenating rest that they need. The right approach, however, can give them a better chance of cultivating a healthy sleeping pattern. Our guide has some practical tips on helping them to achieve exactly that.

[10 Top Tips for Developing Healthy Sleep Patterns](#)

WOW awards...



Key Dates for September

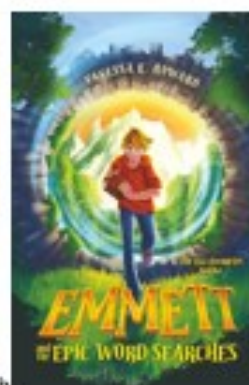
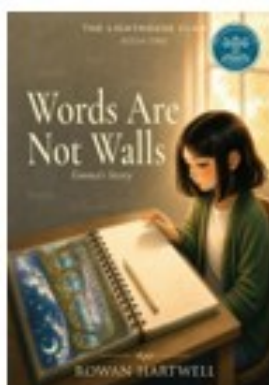
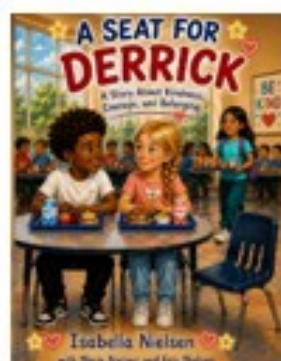
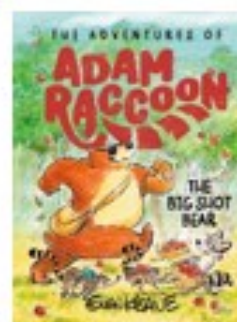
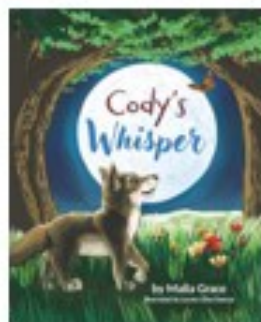


I'd like to draw your attention to a few key events that are taking place this month.

- On Thursday 24th September, we are holding a meeting from 5:15pm – 6:00pm for all of our Y4 parents/carers about the annual residential trip to Standon Bowers. Staff will also share useful information with you regarding the Multiplication Check and TT Rockstars.
- On Friday 25th September, from 9:00am – 10:30am our amazing PTFA are holding their Annual General Meeting in school. As we start a new academic year, we're inviting all parents, carers and friends of our school to become part of our PTFA. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your involvement makes a big impact and will ensure events like the colour run, discos, Christmas Fair etc continue to happen. From helping at events to sharing ideas or simply lending a hand, there's a place for everyone! It's a great way to meet others, support our children's education, and have fun along the way. If you are able to attend the meeting, just turn up and you will be made very welcome. If you are unable to make the meeting, but would like to find out a little more information, please do get in touch. Many thanks.
- Finally, throughout the week commencing Monday 28th September, we will be inviting families to bring in Harvest donations for the local food bank.

What's new in Key Stage 1 & 2?!..

Here are our termly book recommendations!



Notice Board

Family Hub Staffordshire **BEST START IN LIFE** **FAMILY HUBS**

Parenting Workshops

Practical advice, support and tips for you and your family

Join our friendly and informal **online workshops**, designed to give you the knowledge and confidence to support your child's health, development and wellbeing.

Wednesday 30th September 5.30 – 6.45pm	Understanding Child's Behaviour Explore why children behave the way they do and learn positive tips and strategies to support them.
Monday 12th October 10.00 – 11.30am	Healthy Teeth Find out how to care for your child's teeth, with practical tips on brushing, diet and keeping little smiles healthy.
Thursday 5th November 10.00 – 11.15am	Starting Solids Learn about when and how to introduce solid foods, what to offer and top tips for a positive experience.
Monday 16th November 4.00 – 5.15pm	Looking After Ourselves A supportive session on your own health and wellbeing, with simple ideas to help you feel your best.
Thursday 3rd December 1.00 – 2.15pm	Fussy Eating Get practical advice and strategies to help with fussy eating and encourage a healthy, balanced diet.
Thursday 17th December 10.00 – 11.15am	Eating Well for Less Learn how to cook healthy, tasty meals on a budget, with tips, ideas and simple recipes.

All sessions are FREE!

Scan the QR code to book your place
Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

All sessions are online

For more information call 01827 475222

Fussy Eating

Free online workshop

Join us!

Fed up with stressful mealtimes? We're here to help...

As parents we want our children to eat well – and to enjoy mealtimes together

Come along and get support and new ideas for:

- How to encourage your child to try new foods - and begin to enjoy them!
- Child-friendly foods that provide what they need to grow and be healthy
- Happier family mealtimes

Fussy Eating Workshops

Wednesday 23rd September 1.15pm – 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th September 10.00am – 11.30am

At Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub ST18 6DT

Understanding children's behaviour

Free local workshops



Find out what's driving your child's behaviour

Come along!



Come along and:

- Understand feelings and needs behind children's behaviour
- Discover the importance of listening to children, and how it can support meeting their needs
- Explore responding with empathy, and how it can positively influence children's behaviour

Understanding Behaviour workshop Online:
Wednesday 16th September
5pm - 6.15pm
Scan this QR code to book your place



LOVE YOURSELF WELLNESS DAY

A RELAXING DAY JUST FOR WOMEN

Staffordshire Federation of Women's Institutes is hosting a Wellness Day exclusively for women at the Staffordshire County Showground to promote health and well being. This event is open to both members and non-members - just turn up!

Join us on
Saturday 26th September 2026
10.00am until 4.00pm

COME ALONG AND TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- Calligraphy (members only)*
- Willow Weaving (members only)*
- Mindful Art
- Hand Massage
- Life Drawing (members only)*
- Chair Yoga
- Journaling
- Wellbeing talks
- Health Checks
- Trade stalls
- And more
- Free Tea/Coffee/Water

* Pre-bookable places

Venue:
Member's Pavilion
County Showground
Weston Road
Stafford
ST18 0BD

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SCAN HERE
OR CALL SPFW FEDERATION OFFICE ON
01927 223388 OR EMAIL
ADMIN@SPFW.ORG



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CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAY 1: Tuesday 1st September (Staff Only)

Pupils: Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 23rd October

October Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

INSET DAY 2: Monday 2nd November (Staff Only)

Pupils: Tuesday 3rd November – Friday 18th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

February Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

INSET DAY 3: Monday 22nd February (Staff Only)

Pupils: Tuesday 23rd February – Thursday 25th March

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

May Bank Holiday – School Closed: Monday 3rd May

May Half Term Holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

INSET DAY 4: Monday 7th June (Staff Only)

Pupils: Tuesday 8th June – Tuesday 20th July

INSET DAY 5: Wednesday 21st July (Staff Only)

Summer Holiday for Pupils: Wednesday 21st July – Wednesday 1st September 2027

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents =

£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = 640

3 children = 960

4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000